

## **Limpopo prepares a Provincial School Sport Team**

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**POLOKWANE:** The Limpopo Department of Sport, Arts and Culture in collaboration with the Department of Education and Limpopo Sport Confederation held the 2017 Provincial School Sport Winter Games. These games were a culmination of the games that were held from school, circuit, cluster and district levels, respectively. The games served as a platform to select Team Limpopo which will represent the Province at the National School Sport Winter Games to take place July 2017, in Durban, KwaZulu Natal. The prioritised sporting codes include Chess, Football, Hockey, KhoKho, Netball, Rugby, Tennis, Jukskei and Volleyball.

During the official opening of the winter games for both LSEN (Learners with special Education needs) and main stream (secondary and primary schools) athletes were encouraged to do best and ensure that they become the sport ambassadors for the province during the national games. "You must know that your teachers, communities, sport fraternity is rallying behind you. Go out in the field and represent us well" said Mr. Kobus of Limpopo Sport Confederation.

On behalf of Limpopo School Sport Coordination Committee, the chairperson, Mr. Benny Boshomane told the athletes to improve on their performance and obtain number one at the national winter games. "We believe in your capabilities and strengths. We know you are going to do well in all sporting codes" said the ever energetic and jubilant Boshomane.

The Chief Director for Sport, and Recreation, Ms. Kgathane Choshane acknowledged attendees including management and athletes. She further urged athletes to participate at their maximum. "Go out there to the fields, represent us well, do your best and participate well. DSAC is rallying behind you" said Choshane.

The Acting Head of Department, Mr Mushwana, said "We are here to give support to all the learners further to ensure that both learners from main stream and with special needs get to compete in the 9 winter sports codes in order to choose those who will present the province in the national level. The school leagues expose learners to a variety of sporting codes and create opportunities within the development and nurturing of identified talent can take place" said Mushwana.

The enthusiastic athletes were eager and ready to face their counterparts in the field of play.